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- 4- valve assembly is biased towards the second closed position using a magnet-operated mechanism.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 2.

Please amend claims 1, 3-4 and 8 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A valve comprising a housing having an inlet and spaced therefrom an outlet, a passageway extending between the inlet and the outlet, and means located in the passageway for controlling the flow of a fluid between the inlet and the outlet, the means including a valve assembly movable between a first open position spaced from a co-operating valve seat and a second closed position at which the valve assembly sealingly engages the valve seat, in which magnetic means is provided for biasing the valve assembly towards the second closed position; wherein at least a portion of the valve assembly is in the form of or incorporates a permanent magnet and a further magnet is located adjacent the valve seat.

3. (Amended) The valve as claimed in Claim 1 in which the further magnet is a permanent magnet.

4. (Amended) The valve as claimed in Claim 1 in which the further magnet is an electromagnet.

8. (Amended) The valve as claimed in Claim 7 in which an electro-magnet is incorporated within or on the valve cap.

REMARKS

Examiner has objected to the title as not being descriptive. Having amended the title to read "Magnetically-Operated Relief Valves", Applicants submit that Examiner's objection has been overcome.

The Abstract has been amended to delete the use of the "means" phraseology, thereby overcoming Examiner's objections to the Abstract.

Following Examiner's suggestions, claims 1 and 8 have been amended to correct informalities. Objections to claims 1 and 8 are therefore overcome.